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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A reduced-friction artificial joint replacement (ADR), comprising:  
a first endplate component adapted for fixation to an upper vertebral body;  
a second endplate component adapted for fixation to an upper vertebral body; and  
~~a wheel, bearing or other rotating element~~ one or more rotating elements disposed on casters  
between the two endplate components to reduce friction during spinal flexion, extension or other  
movements; and  
wherein each caster swivels about a vertical axis and has a wheel that rotates about a horizontal  
axis.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The reduced-friction artificial joint replacement (ADR) of claim 1, including one or  
more elements rotatable about axes oriented generally medial to lateral.

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